

1 ~~6263~~ The system of claim 56 wherein said first server system includes a
2 payment mechanism, said first server system configured to include said payment mechanism in
3 its requests to obtain postage, said payment mechanism being associated with said first server
4 system.

1 ~~6364~~ The method of claim 56 wherein said data communication network
2 includes a secure communication channel.

1 ~~6465~~ The method of claim 64 wherein said secure communication channel is
2 based on a data transmission protocol, including XML protocol.

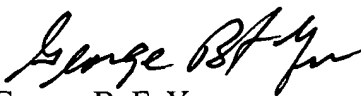
1 ~~6566~~ The method of claim 64 wherein said secure communication channel is a
2 land line.

CONCLUSION

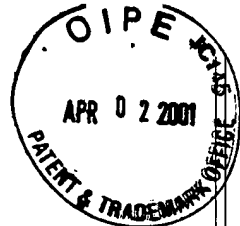
In view of the foregoing, Applicants believe all claims now pending in this Application are in condition for allowance. The issuance of a formal Notice of Allowance at an early date is respectfully requested.

If the Examiner believes a telephone conference would expedite prosecution of this application, please telephone the undersigned at 650-326-2400.

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APPENDIX A

Mark-up Copy of Amendments to the Specification

The two paragraphs beginning on page 2, line 24 have been amended as follows:

(6) U.S. Non-Provisional Patent Application No. __/__,__, entitled "System And Method Of Printing Labels" (Attorney Docket No. 006969-025610US);[**and**]

(7) U.S. Non-Provisional Patent Application No. __/__,__, entitled "Providing Stamps On Secure Paper Using A Communications Network" (Attorney Docket No. 006969-022220US)[.];

(8) U.S. Non-Provisional Patent Application No. 09/611,375, entitled "Providing Stamps On Secure Paper Using A Communications Network," filed July 7, 2000;

(9) U.S. Provisional Patent Application No. 60/216,779, entitled "System And Method Of Printing Labels," filed July 7, 2000;

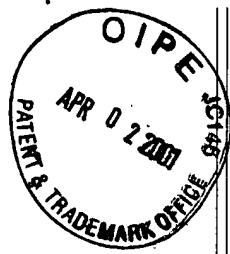
(10) U.S. Provisional Patent Application No. 60/216,653, entitled "Method And System For Dispensing Postage Over The Internet, With Enhanced Postal Security Features" filed July 7, 2000;

(11) U.S. Provisional Patent Application No. 60/206,207, entitled "Providing Stamps on Secure Paper Using A Communications Network" filed May 22, 2000;

(12) U.S. Provisional Patent Application No. 60/204,357, entitled "Stamps Over a Communications Network" filed May 15, 2000;

(13) U.S. Provisional Patent Application No. 60/181,299, entitled "System and Method For Stamps Over The Internet," filed February 9, 2000; and

(14) U.S. Provisional Patent Application No. 60/181,368, entitled "System and Method For Stamps Over The Internet," filed February 8, 2000.



APPENDIX B

Mark-up Copy of Amendments to the Claims

1 32. (Amended Once) A computer-readable medium containing instructions
2 that controls a computer system to **[dispensing]** dispense postage to users, by:
3 receiving requests for postage from one or more of said users;
4 communicating with a server system, including communicating said requests for
5 postage, said server system providing information for printing indicia; and
6 receiving said information for printing indicia from said server system, wherein
7 said information for printing indicia is then distributed to said one or more users to satisfy said
8 requests for postage.

1 47. (Amended Once) The method of claim **[5a]** 42 wherein said dispensing
2 postage includes sending a postage request from said first server system to said second server
3 system.

1 51. (Amended Once) The method of claim **[5a]** 42 wherein said second
2 server is a postal server.